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Applicant: Mark H. ETZEL et al.

Appl. No.: 09/120,763 Group: 2766

Filed: July 22, 1998 Examiner: J. Seal

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCED CMEA
INCLUDING A CMEA ITERATION PRECEDED AND
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October 20, 2000

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 20, 2000

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2000, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. A petition for an extension of time is included herein.

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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Alanara in view of Appendix A to IS-54. Applicants respectfully traverse this art grounds of rejection.

In rejecting claim 1, the Examiner contends that Alanara teaches all the features of the claimed invention except for the iteration of CMEA. The